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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDIP, US, HA
SUBJECT: LUCIEN RIGAUD

REF: STATE 213816

1. CHARGE ADVISED FOREIGN SECRETARY 0900 23 AUGUST THAT LUCIEN RIGAUD AND COMPANION HAD LANDED IN GUANTANAMO. FOREIGN SECRETARY SAID THAT SINCE RIGAUD WAS A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY SEEK TO OBTAIN HIS RETURN, REFERRING TO 1904 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE U.S. AND HAITI. HE ADVISED THAT HE WOULD DO SOME RESEARCH AND CALL CHARGE BACK.

2. IN FOLLOW UP CALL TWO HOURS LATER, FOREIGN SECRETARY SAID THAT GOH WOULD DO NOTHING. THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN SEEKING A WAY OF "GETTING RID OF THE PROBLEM". RIGAUD HAD PROVIDED THE SOLUTION. ALTHOUGH GOH COULD HAVE RECOURSE TO EXTRADITION TREATY, IT WOULD NOT CHOOSE TO DO SO BECAUSE A) PROCESS WOULD TAKE INDEFINITELY, B) IT MIGHT SPOIL RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. THEREFORE, GOH WAS QUITE PREPARED TO HAVE U.S. TRANSPORT RIGAUD TO JAMAICA, SWITZERLAND OR WHEREVER HE WISHED TO GO.

3. FOREIGN SECRETARY'S DECISION WOULD APPEAR TO CONFIRM WIDELY HELD RUMOR THAT RIGAUD LEFT HAITI IN PRE-ARRANGED AGREEMENT
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WITH GOH TO THE EFFECT THAT HE COULD HAVE HIS FREEDOM IN EXCHANGE FOR SILENCE ON HIS KNOWLEDGE OF "DEALS" AFFECTING REPUTATION OF GOH. HOWEVER, IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT GOH DID NOT COLLUDE IN RIGAUD'S DEPARTURE BUT CONCLUDED, AS IT HAS WITH REFERENCE TO OTHER TROUBLESOME INDIVIDUALS, THAT IT IS BETTER TO GET RID OF A PROBLEM QUICKLY WITHOUT BOTHERSOME INVESTIGATION; THIS IS GENERAL PATTERN GOH HAS FOLLOWED IN RELEASING

OR EXILING INDIVIDUALS RATHER THAN HOLDING TRIALS WHICH ARE
BOUND TO ATTRACT PUBLICITY.
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